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DAVID E.)

SUBJECT: CRASH OF U.S. AIRCRAFT

REF: BOGOTA 3918

1. MRS. HARPER ADVISED DEPARTMENT MAY 12 SHE HAS LEARNED

THAT DAVID L. DAVIS, WHO HAS CHARTERED HARPER'S PLANE IN
THE PAST, TRAVELED TO SAN ANDRES MAY 10 TO BEGIN SALVAGE
OPERATIONS ON PLANE. ACCORDING MRS. HARPER, DAVIS
CONTRACTED COPRA (OR COBRA) SALVAGE COMPANY TO DO SALVAGE
WORK. DIVER REPORTEDLY MADE SUCCESSFUL DIVE TO PLANE
AND REPORTED THAT BODIES WERE INSIDE PLANE. MRS. HARPER
WAS INFORMED THAT DAVIS EXPECTS RECOVER "JEWELS OR MONEY"
FOR HIS OWN PROFIT.

2. MRS. HARPER WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF DAVIS CAN LEGALLY
SALVAGE PLANE AND KEEP ANY VALUABLES RECOVERED. SHE WOULD
LIKE TO PREVENT SALVAGE OF THE PLANE FOR MONETARY PURPOSES
AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF LEGAL ACTION CAN BE TAKEN TO
STOP DAVIS. IF NOT, AND SALVAGE OPERATION SUCCESSFUL AND
BODY RECOVERED, MRS. HARPER WISHES HAVE REMAINS SHIPPED

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U.S. MILLER'S FAMILY DOES NOT OBJECT TO SALVAGE
OPERATION BUT IS CONCERNED THAT DAVIS MIGHT BE ABLE
KEEP VALUABLES. MILLERS ALSO WISH SHIPMENT REMAINS
U.S. IF RECOVERED. DEPARTMENT UNABLE CONTACT DARR

FAMILY MAY 12, BUT ANTICIPATES, BASED ON PAST CONVERSATIONS, THEIR FEELINGS WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THOSE OF MILLERS.

3. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY DETERMINE WHETHER SALVAGE OPERATION ACTUALLY TAKING PLACE, LEGALITY OF OPERATION, AND WHETHER VALUABLES RECOVERED COULD BE RETAINED BY DAVIS. INGERSOLL

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